

House Resolution No. 3697

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, fifty years ago Clifford Vance Cook took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Mary JoAnn Howard, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which took place on May 24, 1955, in Phoenix, Arizona; and

Whereas, five decades later Clifford and Mary Cook of Lebanon observed their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends at the Christian Health Center; and

Whereas, the marital union of Clifford and Mary Cook has been richly blessed down through the years with the love and affection of their children, Gary L. Cook, Terry L. Beecher, and Kerry R. Singh, and five grandchildren; and

Whereas, Clifford Cook is a retired United States Navy Lieutenant Commander who plays in a Bluegrass and Gospel band at nursing homes, senior centers, and churches; and

Whereas, Mary Cook is a homemaker who also serves a very important function as the number one fan of a particular Bluegrass musical group; and

Whereas, Clifford and Mary Cook used the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Clifford and Mary Cook during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Clifford and Mary Cook and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Clifford and Mary Cook of Lebanon, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Darrell Pollock
District No. 146

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3697, adopted June 9, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker